HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1115 By Pleasant

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Linda Ann Beckwith, 2006 Salutatorian of Bartlett High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Linda Ann Beckwith is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2006 graduating class at Bartlett High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Linda Ann Beckwith has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Beckwith has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, participating in numerous school activities and organizations, Linda Ann Beckwith is a member of the Bartlett Ambassadors, FCCLA, Bridge Builders, the French Club (Vice President), National Honor Society (President), Mu Alpha Theta, the Academic Team, the Key Club, the Beta Club, Unisex Steering Committee, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, a tremendous athlete, Ms. Beckwith was Captain of the Bartlett High School varsity girls' basketball team and a member of the track and field team; she led the varsity girls' basketball team to the District Championship Title and the Regional Championship Title; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Linda Ann Beckwith received the Math Award from the Tennessee Honors Program and the Principal's Honor Roll Award; she

also placed third in the Cultural Arts Literature Contest, the National Culinary Arts Competition, and the Science Olympiad Competition; and

WHEREAS, a testament to her academic talent and abilities, Linda Ann Beckwith was selected to attend the Tennessee Governor's School for the Sciences; and

WHEREAS, donating her time and many talents to numerous community service organizations, she has volunteered with the March of Dimes, the Memphis City Beautiful program, the Enchanted Forest program, Zoo Boo, the Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome, the American Red Cross, Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief projects, Bridge Builders, the Angel Tree Baby program, and Bellamy Baskets; and

WHEREAS, a devout and faithful Christian, Ms. Beckwith is an active member of her church's youth group; and

WHEREAS, receiving the George Beadle Scholarship, an engineering scholarship, and a textbook scholarship, Linda plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the fall; and

WHEREAS, Linda Ann Beckwith's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Beckwith's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Linda Ann Beckwith's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2006 Bartlett High School Salutatorian, Linda Ann Beckwith, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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